

SPECULI BRITANNIÆ

Pars Altera :

O R, A

DELINEATION

O F

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE;

Being a brief

Historicall and Chorographicall
Discription of that County.

Wherein are also Alphabetically set down,

The Names of Cyties, Townes, Parishes,
Hamlets, Howses of Note, and other
Remarkables. By the Travayle of JOHN
NORDEN, in the Year M. D C. X.



L O N D O N :

Printed in the Year M. D C C, XX.

*The Map and Plans referred to in this
work never were engraved. See Goughs
Topographical. Anecdotes P 377*

EXHIBIT II

WITNESS

A. S. O.

NOTARIAL PUBLIC

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

Notary Public





To the Right Worshipful
Sir *William Hatton*, Kn^t.



AVINGE purposed
(right Worshipfull) to
have presented this my
little Travaile of *Northamptonshire*,
unto that Right Honorable Man,
the late Lord Chauncellor of *En-*
gland, whome it hath pleased the
Almightie God to betake unto
the Waie of all Fleshe, whose
course of Lyfe and Christian ac-

v DEDICATION.

ceptance of his Death, hath lefte a perpetuall Memoriall of his worthy esteemacion and honour heare, and a probable Argument of his everlastinge honour in Heaven. I cannot but thinke it my parte and dutie to acquainte your Worship thearewith, assuringe myselfe that you nothinge degenerate from that honorable shew, which heretofore hath beene generally noated to be in you, and the common good Opinion which is had of your clemencie, moveth me the rather to condemne myself of indiscreation and ingratitude, should I detaine the same (though of no great value) from your viewe, especially beinge so famouslie seated in those Partes.

And

DEDICATION. v

And although (right Worshipfull) I knowe that your unacquaintance with the Matters containd in this Travayle, is not such, that you greatlye want the use of this Delineacion and Description, yet, if it may please you to afforde a favourable Acceptance hearof, you shall finde some Delight, some Use greatly to content you, wherein might it please you to pardon my boldness and to favour the Travayle, I should endeavour to performe the same with more Diligence, having in this had very small tyme, and not so fitt oportunety as is required in the same.

I tooke

vi DEDICATION.

I tooke occasion in my Travayle in those Parts, to performe it after this poore sorte, beinge otherwise imployed in surveyes theare.

I was the rather moved to enter into the same, for that I thought it my Dutie to gratifye so worthie a Member of our Common Weale with the best Invention I might: In regarde whearof, I am out of doubt, but that your Clemencie will afford such Acceptance hearof, as was my good intrust and purpose, in undertaking the same, and as is my good will, in presenting yt unto your View.

It

DEDICATION. ivi

It is the First-Fruits of a willinge mynde, buddinge from a desire, in more weighty Matters how to steede you :

Your Worships in what

you will Command me

JOHN NORDEN.

Things to be considered in the
Use of this Booke, and the
Mappe thereunto belonging.



The Figures and Letters, which followe the
Names of the Places in the Alphabetical
Table, in the Body of this little Work, is a
readie Method by which may be found any
Place desired in the Mappe, by bringing them
to meet in the Squares very familiarly, with-
out which Assistance it would be difficult to
find a Place unknowne.





A N
ALPHABET
O F T H E

Townes, Parishes, and other Things contained in the Mappe, with necessarie Observations, for the speedy finding of any Place desired; together with the Distance between Place and Place, without Compasses.



Hearin first it is to be understood, that the Letters in the *East* and *West* Listes or Margents of the Mappe, and the Numbers in the *North* and *South* do serve for this directorie Observation followinge, *Example.*
viz. If it be desired to knowe in what
B place

*The Use of
the Letters
and Num-
bers in the
Mappe.*

place of the Mappe, *Holdenby-House* standeth, Enter into the Alphabet, wherein beinge founde the Letter M and the Number 10. will be found to followe it, and from the same Letter and Number theare do crosse certaine directorie Lines thwart the Mappe, and in the Square wheare these Lines do crosse, standeth *Holdenby*, And so of all other places.

Furthermore to find out the Distance
The Scale. betweene places, it is to be noated, that, in the Margent of the said Mappe, the greatest Division which is betweene every 2 Lynes containeth 2. Myles, the lesser Division one Myle, the least of all $\frac{1}{2}$ of a Myle.

If thearefore I would knowe the Distance betweene *Holdenby* and *Brack-*
Example for *ley*, I finding both the places in the
Distance. Alphabet, and by the first Observation I finde wheare they stand in the Mappe, I number the Lynes between them, and finde them to be 6 and $\frac{3}{4}$ which amounteth to 13 Myles $\frac{1}{2}$. But if I would knowe the Di-
An Obser- stance betweene *Holdenby* and *Peter-*
vation. *borough*, it will fall out orthiogo-
nally

nally or by a kinde of Triangle, and not parrallellie, by the crossing Lynes, wheareby it falleth out that the Distance will not be so precisely or exactlie knowne, as if it fell out by the paralell Line. In which Case, this Rule is to be observed, namely with the Eye to imagine an equall Distance as neere as may be, as for Example take the Lyne which passeth Northward neereſt *Holdenby*, untill it be by the Conjecture of the Eye as far as is the Distance between the places and it will fall out that the very outter Margent in the Square of 10, will be equall distance with *Peterborough*, and the Lynes betweene *Holdenby* and the Number 10, in the Margent are 13 and $\frac{1}{2}$ which is the Distance betweene *Holdenbye* and *Peterborough*, which is 27 Miles, and in like manner of all other places lying Orthogonally.

The

The ALPHABET.

A.

<i>APelthorpe</i>	<i>e. 22</i>	<i>Beinfeilde</i>	<i>f. 22</i>
<i>Asheley</i>	<i>g. 14</i>	<i>Bletherwicke</i>	<i>e. 22</i>
<i>Aychurche</i>	<i>g. 24</i>	<i>Bulke</i>	<i>f. 20</i>
<i>Archeſter</i>	<i>m. 20</i>	<i>Brixtoke</i>	<i>g. 18</i>
<i>Artleboro</i>	<i>k. 20</i>	<i>Brabrooke-Caſtle</i>	<i>h. 14</i>
<i>Ardington parva</i>	<i>k. 20</i>	<i>Brampton</i>	<i>g. 14</i>
<i>Ardington mag.</i>	<i>k. 20</i>	<i>Branſeyld</i>	<i>n. 16</i>
<i>Ardingworth</i>	<i>f. 12</i>	<i>Bowton parva</i>	<i>h. 12</i>
<i>Aſhby</i>	<i>L. 16</i>	<i>Bernwelles</i>	<i>g. 24</i>
<i>Abington</i>	<i>n. 14</i>	<i>Bofyate</i>	<i>n. 20</i>
<i>Althorpe</i>	<i>m. 10</i>	<i>Burton</i>	<i>f. 18</i>
<i>Aſton</i>	<i>p. 4</i>	<i>Bowghtonſ.</i>	<i>n. 14</i>
<i>Aſhby</i>	<i>p. 6</i>	<i>Brackley</i>	<i>f. 18</i>
<i>Adſon</i>	<i>p. 8</i>	<i>Berton</i>	<i>f. 18</i>
<i>Aſhton</i>	<i>p. 14</i>	<i>Bowghton</i>	<i>h. 18</i>
<i>Alderton</i>	<i>q. 12</i>	<i>Berton</i>	<i>m. 18</i>
<i>Althorpe</i>	<i>r. 10</i>	<i>Browghton</i>	<i>k. 16</i>
<i>Aſtwell</i>	<i>r. 8</i>	<i>Bellinge mag.</i>	<i>m. 16</i>
<i>Ayno</i>	<i>t. 4</i>	<i>Bellinge parva</i>	<i>n. 16</i>
		<i>Bowghton</i>	<i>m. 14</i>
		<i>Brixworth</i>	<i>L. 12</i>
		<i>Berby</i>	<i>L. 4</i>

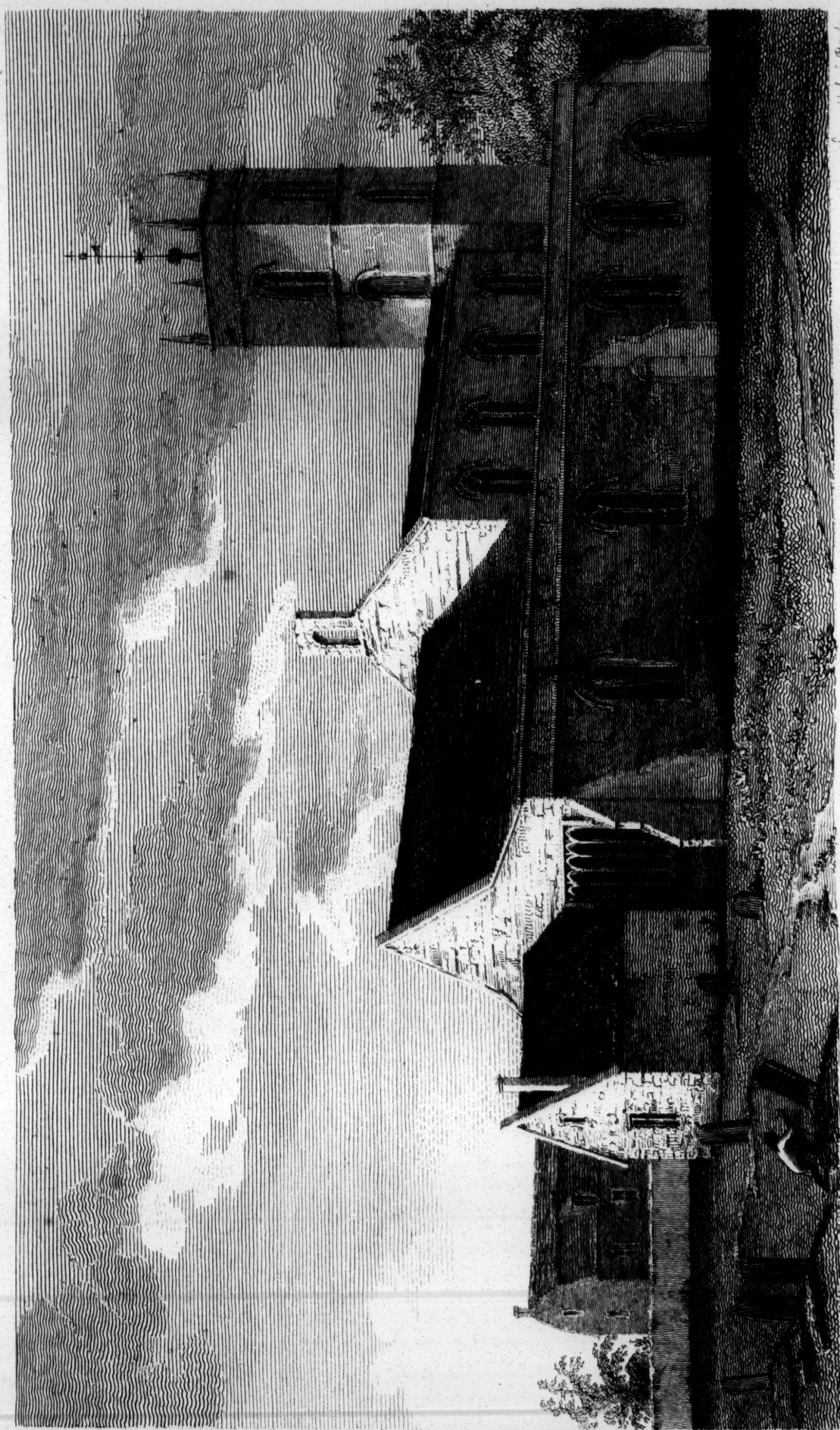
B.

<i>Burleygh</i>	<i>b. 24</i>		
<i>Baddington</i>	<i>c. 24</i>		
<i>Barnacke</i>	<i>c. 24</i>		

Brampton

Brampton	m. 12	Carleton	g. 16
Brockhole	n. 8	Chelston	k. 22
Brandston	m. 4	Castle-Ashby	n. 18
Badby	o. 6	Cranford	f. 18
Boddington	p. 2	Clipston	f. 10
Byfeilde	p. 4	Craulsey	f. 16
Blackesley	p. 8	Creke	L. 6
Bigbrooke	o. 10	Claycotten	k. 6
Blisworth	p. 12	Colde-Ashby	k. 8
C.		Codesbrook	k. 10
Coleworth	g. 6	Creton	L. 12
Coldaighigham	p. 10	Church-Brunton	m. 10
Collingtrowgh	o. 14	Catesby	o. 4
Corton-hall	p. 14	Chippen-Warden	q. 4
Cogenhoo	n. 16	Cherwelton	o. 6
Cosgrave	r. 16	D.	.
Carleton	f. 6	Duddingston	d. 22
Croughton	s. 6	Denethorpe	f. 20
Challcombe	r. 4	Daisboro	b. 14
Colly-Weston	c. 22	Dingley	g. 12
Castor	d. 26	Denford	f. 22
Cotterstoke	f. 24	Draton	f. 20
Clyffe	d. 22	Dadington mag.	m. 18
Corby	g. 18	Draughton	k. 14
Cottingham	g. 16	Dalington	n. 12
Clapton on the Walde		Duston	n. 12
	b. 24	Dod-	

Dodforde	n. 8	G.	
Daventre	n. 6	Glinton	b. 28
Deveton	o. 16	Glopthorne	f. 22
Denshanger	s. 14	Gretton	c. 18
E.		Grindon	n. 18
East-Deepinge	b. 26	Geddington	b. 18
Etton	b. 26	Grafton	f. 18
Eye	c. 30	Goldesburgh	k. 10
Easton	c. 22	Grene-Norton	p. 10
Easton	n. 18	Gayton	o. 12
East-Farndon	b. 10	Grafton	q. 14
Eaton	m. 16	Greke-worth	r. 6
East-Haddon	m. 10	H.	
Everton	o. 6	Helpeston	c. 26
Eydon	q. 6	Harringworth	e. 18
Easton	p. 12	Hemington	g. 26
Edgescote	q. 4	Hargrave	k. 24
F.		Higham-Ferrers	l. 20
Fotheringhay	f. 24	Howthorpe	b. 8
Ffymhead	e. 20	Harrington	f. 12
Ffarndon East	b. 10	Horton	o. 16
Ffaxton	k. 14	Helmedon	n. 8
Fflowre	n. 8	Hinton	f. 6
Ffauesley	o. 4	Harradon mag.	k. 18
Fforthingston	o. 8	Harradon parva	k. 18
Fferminghoo	f. 6	Hisham	k. 18
		Han-	



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<i>Hammington</i>	<i>L. 16</i>	<i>Lyfeden</i>	<i>f. 20</i>
<i>Hardwicke</i>	<i>l. 16</i>	<i>Lowicke</i>	<i>h. 20</i>
<i>Holcor</i>	<i>l. 14</i>	<i>Lutton</i>	<i>f. 26</i>
<i>Haddon West</i>	<i>l. 8</i>	<i>Lysard</i>	<i>g. 24</i>
<i>Hafilbiche</i>	<i>k. 10</i>	<i>Loddington</i>	<i>f. 14</i>
<i>Haddon East</i>	<i>m. 10</i>	<i>Lylborne</i>	<i>k. 4</i>
<i>Holdenby</i>	<i>m. 10</i>	<i>Legers-Ashby</i>	<i>l. 6</i>
<i>Harpole</i>	<i>n. 10</i>	<i>Long-Bugby</i>	<i>m. 18</i>
<i>Harleston</i>	<i>m. 12</i>	<i>Lichboro</i>	<i>o. 8</i>
<i>Hellingdon</i>	<i>o. 4</i>	<i>M.</i>	
<i>Heyfords</i>	<i>o. 10</i>	<i>Maxye Castle</i>	<i>b. 26</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>p. 14</i>	<i>Mylton</i>	<i>d. 28</i>
<i>Hardingston</i>	<i>o. 14</i>	<i>Marham</i>	<i>c. 28</i>
<i>I.</i>		<i>Merson Trussell</i>	<i>h. 10</i>
<i>Islypp</i>	<i>h. 20</i>	<i>Maydwell</i>	<i>f. 12</i>
<i>Imley</i>	<i>f. 8</i>	<i>Moulton</i>	<i>m. 14</i>
<i>K.</i>		<i>Morton</i>	<i>q. 6</i>
<i>Kirkby</i>	<i>f. 18</i>	<i>Maydford</i>	<i>p. 8</i>
<i>Ketteringe</i>	<i>f. 16</i>	<i>Mylton</i>	<i>o. 12</i>
<i>Kylmershe</i>	<i>f. 12</i>	<i>Mereston</i>	<i>r. 6</i>
<i>Kylesby</i>	<i>l. m. *</i>	<i>Myddleton</i>	<i>r. 4</i>
<i>Kyflingbury</i>	<i>n. 10</i>	<i>N.</i>	
<i>Kinges Sutton</i>	<i>f. 4</i>	<i>Nerboro</i>	<i>b. 26</i>
<i>L.</i>		<i>Nassington</i>	<i>c. 24</i>
<i>Laxton</i>	<i>e. 20</i>	<i>Newton, l.</i>	<i>c. 24</i>
		<i>Newton</i>	

* Sic. Orig. M. S.

Newton	l. 22	Pokbrooke.	g. 26
Newton	h. 16	Pypwell	h. 14
Nassyby	f. 10	Pynchley	k. 16
NORTHAMPTON	n.	Pysforde	l. 12
	14	Preston-Capes	p. 6
Nobottle	n. 10	Patshull	o. 10
Newnham	n. 6	Preston	o. 14
Norton	n. 6	Pyddington	o. 16
Newbottle	f. 6	PETERBOROUGH.	

O.

Q.

Oxney	c. 30	Quinton	p. 14
Owndell	f. 24		
Oldwincles	h. 22	Rodston	f. 8
Oakeley parva	g. 16	Rockingham East	f. 16
Okeley magna	g. 16	Rawdes	k. 22
Oxenden	h. 12	Ringsteede	f. 22
Orlingbury	k. 16	Rashden	l. 20
Overston	m. 16	Rothwell	f. 14
Ovencotte	n. 4	Rushon	h. 16

P.

S.

Paulsperye	r. 12	Rode	p. 14
Pottersperye	r. 14		
Passenham	r. 14	Stene	f. 6
Pearkirke	b. 28	Sysam	r. 10
Paston	c. 30	Sylston	r. 10
Pylkton	g. 22	Stoke-Bruerne	p. 12
		Stowe	

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Stowe	o. 8	Tansover	f. 24
Soulgrave	q. 8	Thurninge	g. 26
Staverton	n. 4	Thorpe	h. 24
St. Saviour	n. 12	Thrapston	f. 22
Singlesole	b. 32	Tychmarsh	h. 22
Sutton upon Nyne	d. 26	Thindon	k. 18
		Twywell	f. 20
Stoke	g. 22	Thorpe	f. 16
Southwicke	c. 22	Teton	l. 12
Sudboro	h. 20	Thurmby	k. 10
Stanyon	g. 18	Thorpe	o. 12
Stoke-Albney	g. 16	Towcester	q. 10
Sutton upon Weland		Thorpe-Manndevyle	r. 6
	g. 12	U.	
Stanwicke	k. 22	Upton	d. 26
Shipton	m. 20	Ufford	c. 24
Slipton	h. 20	Uxton	n. 12
Sulby	f. 8	W.	
Sybbertofte	f. 10	Wykines	f. 14
Sywell	l. 16	Whyttlebury	q. 12
Scaldwell	k. 14	Whytfeild	f. 8
Stamford Towne	b. 22	Wapenham	q. 8
Stamford	f. 6	Werkworth	r. 4
Spratton	l. 12	Wotton	o. 14
	T.	Wydon	o. 8
Thornhoo	d. 24		

C Wood-

<i>Woodford</i>	<i>p. 6</i>	<i>Wakerley</i>	<i>e. 20</i>
<i>Welton</i>	<i>m. 6</i>	<i>Weldon</i>	<i>f. 18</i>
<i>Whylton</i>	<i>m. 8</i>	<i>Wilbaston</i>	<i>g. 16</i>
<i>Watford</i>	<i>l. 8</i>	<i>Weston</i>	<i>g. 16</i>
<i>West-Haddon</i>	<i>l. 8</i>	<i>Warmington</i>	<i>f. 26</i>
<i>Winwicke</i>	<i>k. 8</i>	<i>Win-wicke</i>	<i>h. 26</i>
<i>Welford</i>	<i>k. 8</i>	<i>Wiggesthorpe</i>	<i>h. 24</i>
<i>Wolde</i>	<i>k. 14</i>	<i>Willaston</i>	<i>m. 20</i>
<i>Walgrave</i>	<i>k. 14</i>	<i>Whiston</i>	<i>n. 18</i>
<i>Wiston</i>	<i>n. 14</i>	<i>Werkton</i>	<i>o. 18</i>
<i>Wellingboro</i>	<i>l. 18</i>	<i>Wekeley</i>	<i>b. 16</i>
<i>Wylby</i>	<i>m. 18</i>	<i>Woodford</i>	<i>f. 20</i>
<i>Waldnamhall</i>	<i>b. 28</i>	<i>Y.</i>	
<i>Welmesford</i>	<i>d. 24</i>	<i>Terwell</i>	<i>d. 24</i>
<i>Woodcrofte</i>	<i>c. 28</i>	<i>Tarley-Hastings</i>	<i>o. 18</i>
<i>Widdrington</i>	<i>c. 28</i>	<i>Telvertofte</i>	<i>k. 6</i>
<i>Witteringe</i>	<i>c. 24</i>	<i>Tardley-Goben</i>	<i>q. 14</i>
<i>Wadonhoo</i>	<i>g. 22</i>		

Forasmuch as there be divers places of one Name without any speciall Adjuncte or Addition to distinguish one from the other. I thought it good (Right Honourable) to set downe the Scituations, and Additions of such places as are more than one of one Denomination, for the more easie Distinction of them.

There

There are two distinguished by *Addington*.
Great and *Little Addington*.

Althorpes 2. whereof the one *Althorpe*.
 lyeth within one Myle of *Holdenby*,
 the other within 2. Myles of *Tow-*
cester.

Ashtons, 2. the one a Myle *Ashtons*,
 from *Hartwell*, the other about $\frac{1}{2}$
 a Myle from *Chippen-Warden*.

Bramptons 2. the one with-*Bramptons*
 in 2. Myles of *Holdenby*, the other
 about a Myle from *Dingley*.

Bowtons 4. the one called *Bow-Bowtons*.
ton parva a Myle from *Dingley*, the
 2. *Bowton magna* a Myle from
Moulton the 3. 2. Myles from *Ket-*
teringe. 2. *Boughtons* in 2 Myles
 of *Northampton*.

Bertons. 2. the one $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Myle *Bertons*.
 of *Ketteringe*, the other near 2.
 Myles from *Doddington*.

Bellinges. *Bellinges* 2 distinguished by *Bellinge magna*, and *Belling. parva*.

Charletons. *Charltons* 2. one within a Myle of *Cottingham*, the other in a Myle of *Kinges-Sutton*.

Ettons. *Ettons* 2. one in a Myle of *Maxy-Castle*, the other in a Myle and half of *Overston*.

Eastons. *Eastons* 3. the one in a Myle of *Stamforde Towne*, another in a Myle of *Bosyate*, the 3. in a Myle of *Towcester*.

Haddons. *Haddons* 2. *East* and *West*.

Harradons. *Harradons* 2. *Great* and *Litle*.

Myltons. *Myltons* 2, the one in 2. Myles of *Peterboro*, the other in a Myle of *Garton*.

Newtons. *Newtons* 3. the one aboute a Myle of *Flotheringhaye*, another in 2. Myles of *Archefer*, the third in a Myle of *Geddington*.

New-

Newbottles 2. the one in a Myle ~~Newbottles~~
of *Harpole*, the other about a Myle
from *Kinges Sutton*.

Prestons 2. the one in 2. Myles ~~Prestons~~.
of *Eforthingston*, the other in a
Myle of *Quinton*.

Uptons 2. the one in 4 Myle of ~~Uptons~~.
Peterboro the other in a Myle of
Harpole.

Rushtons. 2. the one in a Myle ~~Rushtons~~.
of *Higham Ferrers*, the other in a
Myle of *Pypwell*.

Stokes 3. the one called *Stoke-Stokes*.
Albani, another in a Myle of
Owndle, the other called *Stoke-*
Brewerene.

Suttons 3. *Sutton* upon *Nynes*, ~~Suttons~~.
Sutton upon *Welland*, and *Kinges*
Sutton.

Stamfords 2. the one *Stamford* ~~Stamfords~~.
Towne, whearof that part only
on the South-side of the River is
in

in *Northamptonshire*, the other in a Myle of *Clay-Cotton*.

Thorpes. *Thorpes* iiij. the 1. *Thorpe Marwdevyle*, the 2. in 2. Myles of *Kiflingburye*, the 3. in a Myle of *Oldwincle*, the 4. in $\frac{1}{2}$ Myle of *Lodington*.

Wedons. *Weddons* 2. the one in a Myle of *Fflowre*, the other in a Myle of *Wapenham*.

Westons. *Westons* 2. one in a Myle and half of *Northampton*, the other in a Myle of *Ashley*.

Weltons. *Weltons* 2. one in a Myle and half of *Norton*, the other called *Weldon* in a Myle of *Corby*.

Woodfords. *Woodfords* 2. the one in a Myle of *Byfeild*, another in a Myle of *Twywell*.

Winwicks. *Winwicks* 2. the one upon the very Edge of the Shire, in a Myle and half of *Thurninge*, the other in a Myle of *Colde Ashby*.

Anno-

ANNOTATIONS touching
the Denominations and
Determinations of cer-
taine Places within this
Shire.

THORPE is a Worde, which ^{Thorpe.} standeth sometimes for the Name of a Place. Sometime it is an Addition unto another place cominge before it, as *Thorpe Marwdevyle*, or following as *Althorpe*, *Denthorpe*, and such like. This Word *Thorpe* was of the *Saxons* pronounced *Dorp*, which in that Tongue signifieth a litle Village, a Ferme, or a Grawnge.

DENE is also a Word whearin ^{Deane.} divers Places of this Shire doe begin and determine, and sometime it is a proper Name of a Place. This Worde *Dene* commonly signifieth a place scytuate betweene 2. Hills and

and differeth litle from a Vale, or as in some Countries is termed is a Valley. But that a *Dene* is of a small Quantitie and is worne to some Deepness by some Water-Course or Currant either by some continual raninge Brooke, Rill or little River, in the Tyme of an extraordinarie Raine. And thearefore oftentymes and in many places of *England*, the Ferme or Village nere this *Dene*, taketh Name thearof, as *Denethorp*, *Denford*, and such like.

Wyke.

WYKE is a Determination of many places, as *Bletherwyke*, *Stane-wyke*, *Wynwyke*, &c. which Word is derived of the *Lattin* and given in the Tyme of the *Romanes* beinge in this Lande, and by Corruption of Pronounciation we call it *Wyke*, wheare in Truth it should be *Vyc*, a *Vico* a Village, a Streete, or Rowes of Howses between which passeth a Streete or Highwaye.

FFORDE

FFORDE is a Worde common **Forde** to all passiges over Brookes, Rilles, or Rivers, through which is a waye passable on Horſe, and the Place nere unto ſuch a *Forde* or paſſige adjoyninge taketh name of the ſame *Forde*, as *Dodforde*, nere which is ſuch a paſſage over the River *Cromforde*, which alſo ſtandeth nere the *Forde*, and manie ſuch within this Shire.

In like manner is this Worde **Brooke**, Brooke a determination of many Places ſtandinge nere a Brooke or Ryver, as *Codesbrooke*, *Pokebrooke*, and manie other.

Hoo is a determination of many **Hoo**. Places in this Shire, as *Thornhoo*, *Cogenhoo*, and manie others, and it commonly appeareth to be a Craggie, Rockye, Stonye, and Thorney Place, Barren for the moſt and not ſo profitable as other Places.

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Burrough. Burrough is a Word joyned unto the most antient Citties and Townes, as *Peterborough*, *Wellingborough* and such other, the Word signifieth a walled Towne, a Castle, a Block-House, or other Place of defence, and therefore are they called *Burgi*, or *Burgenses*, which are the cheif Men in such Burrough, Townes, or the keeper of such Hould. But in these Daies if such Men dwell in Citties, they be called Cittizens. Commonly every auncient Cittie findeth at the Parliament *iiij* Burgeses, and every Burrough Towne 2. And these Burgeses have voices in Parliament in the name of the Cyttie or Towne for which they are chosen, and therefore are they called *Burgi* or *Burgenses*, for, that through their care and providence, by preferringe Matter for the saftie of such Citties and Townes, they may be termed *Burgi*, Keepers and preservers of such Citties and Townes.

Well,

Well, which signifieth a Springe ~~Well~~.
of Water, and is *quasi scaturigo* or
scatebra, the boyling or bublinge
upp of Water it is a Word some-
tyme going before another, to di-
stinguish the name of a Place, as
Weldon or *Weldown*, where riseth
a maine braunche of *Nen* or *Nyne*
River, or, as some call it, *Avon*,
and is called *Weldon* of the same
Well, or riseinge of the Water.
And the Word sometime cometh
after another, as *Astwell*, where
riseth the River *Ast*, which ente-
reth into *Nyne* or *Nen* on the *North-*
East of *Stony-Stratford*. There is
also *Twywell* which taketh name of
the meetinge of Two Rivers, at
that Place, for *Twy* signifieth Two,
so that *Twywell* is as much to saye
as Two Springes.

Ham an addition given to many ~~Ham~~.
Places. *Rockingham*, *Wapenham*,
Passenham and such, all these take

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name of the Scytuation of Place nere unto a River. For *Ham* cometh of *Amnis* a River. as in *Southampshire* there is *Christ-Church*, *Twynham*, as *interbi inos amnes*, betweene Two Rivers we commonly call little lowe Groundes *Hammes*, as lyinge nere the River, and sometimes higher Places are called *Hammes*, but it is with some addition as *Higham-Ferrers*, *Coldbigham* and such like, which lye not farr from the River but for that they lye highe, they have these additions aunfwearable.

Nesessary Observations touchinge Townes, Places, and other memorable thinges within this Shire.

THIS Shire is diversly pronounced, of some it is called *Northantonsshire*, also it is called *Northandonsshire*, and of the Saxons, *Norþarendoncyre*, by which varietie of names or termes it appeareth that as tyme is the Mother and Inventor of things, so it carryeth oftentimes, at length her most
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auntient borne Children either into utter Oblivion, or els clotheth them with such strange attire of Name, that they are scarcely discerned to be the same. But unto this Shire she hath lefte a Title not much unlike her auntient Name. For in the *Saxons* time it was called *Nonþarenþoncype*, and now is commonly called *Northamptonshire*. But if the Shire be termed of the Towne, and the Towne (as *Humfrye Lloyde* in his *Breviarye of Brytayne* affirmeth) of the River *Avon*, that runneth by the said Towne, then the Towne be called *Northavonton*, and the Shire *Northavontonschire* and not *Northamptonshire*. But the River which passeth nere the Towne is knowne by the Name of *Nen* or *Nyne*, and *Avon* seemeth rather to be a generall name of all Rivers rather than a proper name unto this, for that is a *Brittish* Worde, and signifieth a River, and thearefore to be doubted for that as theare is a *Northampton* and *Northamptonshyre*, so is theare a *Southampton*, and *Southamptonshire* and by reason of the two adjunctes *North* and *South*, I am perswaded the Places be of like name and denomination and distinguished

shed only by the two Points *North* and *South*, and it is cleere that *Southampton* is not so called of the River which cometh by the Towne, for it is called *Itchyne* River, which runneth on the one syde, and the other *Test* River which runneth on the other syde. So from neither of these it taketh its name. But it may be rather thought that this Towne of *Northampton* was founded by *Arvyragus* the youngest Sonne of *Kembelyne*, who, as Chronycles reporte, first gave name unto *Southampton* callinge that *Hameton* after the name of *Hamo* a Roman, whom *Arvyragus* slue theare and cutt him in peeces and cast him into the Sea and afterward of the Towne the Shire tooke the name of *Hameshire*. And afterward upon the intitlinge of another Towne of that name their additions of *North* and *South* were given to distinge the one from the other. For we may commonly observe that wheare there is a Place havinge the adjuncte *East*, theare is another of the same or in tyme hath bine of the same denomination with the adjunct *West*, and so likewise of *North* and *South*.

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The Men of this Shire weare in tyme
past called Coritanis as weare also *Lincoln-*
shire, *Rutlandshire*, *Leycestershire*, *Notting-*
hamshire, and *Derbyshire* Men. And when
this Land was devided into Seven King-
domes by the Saxons, viz. into

Norþanhymbraþe

Regnum Northumbrorum.

As Inhabitinge by *North-Humber*

Mýrcnaþe

Regnum Merciorum, or Mercia

Eaſtenglanc

Regnum orientalium Anglorum or East-Angles.

Ʒenþe *Regnum Cantie Kent.*

ſupprexnaþe *Regnum Australium Saxorum, or*
Suffex.

ƿeſtreaxnaþe *Regnum Occiduorum Saxo-*
rum, or West Saxons. And

Briþealar, *Britons or Wales.*

At that tyme was *Northamptonshire* parcell
of the Kingdome of *Mercia*, as reporteth
Jeſſfraye of Monumouth. This

This *Northamptonshire* is a most pleasant Shire, adorned both with salutarie and profitable Seates, manie and notable Sheepe Pastures, rich feedings for Cattle, firtile-Corne Groundes and lardge Feilds greatly enrichinge the industrious Husbandman. No Shire within this Land hath so little waste Grounds, for theare is not in a manner anie part thereof, but is turned to some profitable Use. It is very populous, and the Townes, Parishes, yea every *Hamlett* for the most parte, but most especiallie the Houses of the Nobillitie most healthfully Scituate in a most pure and pleasant Ayre. The Countrie most comfortable for Travaylers not only in regard of the open perspects which are delightfull to wayfaringe Men; But also in regarde of plentie of Townes, Parishes and Villages, which are so universallie disperfed, that in every two or three Myles at the most, is found a Place of ease to the wearisome Travylour. It lyeth in a plain forme, not Craggie by reason of extraordinarie high Hills, fells, or Mountaines, though some ascendings and
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descendings theare are, which are no waye to be compared to Mountains, which are common in some other Partes of this Lande, as *Somerfett, Dorfett, Devon, and Cornwall.* In this Shire a Travyller maye, in the highwaies as he commonly Travelleth, number in some Places twenty, at some Stations thirty, or more Parishe Churches. And so much the rather, for that the most parte of the Steeples in all that Countie are carried very high with a kinde of Spire like unto a Pyramys. The fertilitie, salutarie ayre, pleasant perspects and conveniencie of this Shire in all things to a generous and noble mynde have so allured Nobilitie to plante themselves within the same, that no Shire within this Realme can answere the like Number of Noblemen, as are Seated in those Pattes.

- 1 Your Honour at *Holdenbye.*
- 2 The Lord Treasorer at *Burghleygh.*
- 3 The Lord *Zouche* at *Harringworth.*
- 4 The Lord *Vaux* at *Harradon.*
- 5 The Lord *Mordant* at *Drayton.*
- 6 The Lord *Compton* at *Castle Askbye.*

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Besides these her Majestie hath three stately Seates within the same Shire, as, The Honore of *Grafton*, *Collewiston*, and *Ffotheringhay Castle*.

Theare are also Seated within this Shire divers Knights, as

- 1 Sir *Tho. Citrilt* at *Burleigh*.
- 2 Sir *Richard Knightley* at *Efavesley* and *Norton*.
- 3 Sir *Edward Mountague* at *Boulton* and *Hemmington*.
- 4 Sir *Thomas Tresham* at *Rushon*.
- 5 Sir *George Ffermer* at *Easton*.
- 6 Sir *John Spencer* at *Althorpe*.
- 7 Sir *William Williams* at *Upton* near *Peterboro*.
- 8 Sir *William Catesbye* at *Legers Ashbye*.
- 9 Sir *Richard Chitwoode* at *Warkworth-prope*, *Banbury*.

Besides these Barons and Knights, are very many Esquires, the most of them also very pleasingly Seated within this Shire. Whose Names and Seates might it not be of your Lordship

Lordship superfluous I would sett downe,
namely.

- 1 *Anthony Myldmaye at Apethorpe.*
- 2 *Edward Gryffin at Braybrooke, Dingley,
and Wakerley.*
- 3 *William Land at Horton and Glendon.*
- 4 *Thomas Androwes at Wynchwicke and
Charleton.*
- 5 *John Stafforde at Bletherwicke.*
- 6 *John Brudenell at Dene.*
- 7 *Thomas Morgan at Heyford.*
- 8 *Edward Saunders at Harrington.*
- 9 *Thomas Carve at Stanford.*
- 10 *George Shurley at Astwell.*
- 11 *Thomas Kyrton at Thorpe-Maunde-vyle.*
- 12 *Edward Cope at Cannons Ashby.*
- 13 *Thobye Channye at Edgecote.*
- 14 *Thomas Barneby at Watforde.*
- 15 *Thomas Only at Catesby Abby.*
- 16 *William Mathew at Bradon.*
- 17 *William Waters at Blakesly.*
- 18 *William Saunders at Welforde.*
- 19 *John Wake at Sansy Lodge.*
- 20 *Thomas Catesby at Whiston.*

- 21 Christopher Telverton Searjeant at Lawe at Easton.
- 22 Bartholmew Tate at Dallapre Abbey nere Northampton.
- 23 Pheanix Barnard at Abington.
- 24 John Isham at Lamporte.
- 25 John Reade at Cottesbrooke.
- 26 Roberte Osborne at Kelmershe.
- 27 Eusebe Isham at Pitchley.
- 28 William Humfrye at Barton Seagrave.
- 29 Thomas Moulso at Thyndon.
- 30 Thomas Fresham at Newton.
- 31 Arthure Brookes at Okeley Magna.
- 32 Edward Watson at Rockingham.
- 33 William Kirkham at Ffincheard Abbey.
- 34 Edward Dudley at Clapham.
- 35 Edmund Elmes at Lynford.
- 36 George Lyne at Southwicke.
- 37 Thoby Harwghton at Kings Cliffe.
- 38 Robert Winckfeilde at Upton.

Many other Gentlemen theare are within this Shire, the recytall of whose Names and dwellings I will omytt. No Shire within this Lande is so plentifullie stored with Gentry in regarde whearof this Shire may seeme

seeme worthy to be termed the Herralds Garden, whearin they may gather such varieties of Coates as in some degree or other match all their Coates in *Englande*. Manie other Things may be said, and that not unnecessarylye touching the further comodious Scituation of this Shire not only in regarde of Profitt but also of Pleasure. Ffor Hawkinge both on Land and River it will hardly be matched, such pleasant Fields and lardge perspects at will, to view the soaringe Ffawkon, and golden streames so interlaceinge the cheareful Hills and Dales replenished with Game of all sortes to delighte the noble Mynde. Deare, Red and Fallowe, both in Parks, Fforests, and Chases are so plentiful as noe one Shire yeeldeth lyke. There are three Fforests within this Shire, as *Rockingham* Fforest, *White-woode* and *Sawsy* Fforests whearof your Honor is *Custos Ferarum*. The Lord *Compton* hath also a Chase called *Tardly* Chase.

There are Parks greate Store. Her Majestie hath

Grafton.

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| | Grafton. |
| | Pottersperry. |
| | Hartwell. |
| | Stoke Bruerne. |
| Parks of | Moulton. |
| Her | Rockingham. |
| Majestie. | Bridgestoke two Parkes, great |
| II. | and litle. |
| | Cliffe Parke. |
| | Ffotheringhay Parke. |
| | Higham Parke not walled but |
| | hedged. |
| | Holdenby Parke, your Honor's |
| | Sudboro Parke, the Lord Mor- |
| Parkes of | dant's. |
| Noblemen. | Harningworth Parke, the Lord |
| IV. | Zouche. |
| | Yardley Parke, the Lord Comp- |
| | ton's. |
| | Ffaversley Parke, Sir Richard |
| | Knightley. |
| Parkes of | Easton Parke, Sir George Ffermer. |
| Knights. | Althorpe Parke, Sir John Spencer. |
| V. | Lyvedon Parke, Sir Tho. Tresham. |
| | Henington Parke, Sir Edward |
| | Mountague. Win- |

Parkes of Esquires. V.	{	<i>Winwicke Parke, Thomas Androwes Esq;</i>
		<i>Astwell Parke, George Shurley Esq;</i>
		<i>Horton Parke, William Lane Esq;</i>
		<i>Stoke-Albani Park, Edward Griffin Esq;</i>
		<i>Apethorpe Parke, Anthony Myldmay Esq;</i>

Thus is *Northamptonshire* furnished with Parkes, Forests, and Chaces yealdinge often recreation to the Mynde exercise to the Bodie, and relief to the Table.

Now to call to Mynde somethinge touching the Husbandmans delight, I cannot but wonder to call to Mynde the greate heards of Cattle longinge to every small Parishe, Village, and Hamlett, which when in my small Travayle I did behold by such generall multitudes I perswaded my selfe of an impossibilitie, that so small Parishes and Places of so slender Accompt could yeeld so great a Number of kyne and other Cattle such mayne Flocks of Sheepe and which made me most to marvayle were the greate
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heards of Swyne, a Beast altogether unprofitable, 'till he come to the Slaughter. Then his rustie Ribbs in a Frostye Morninge will please *Pearce* the Ploughman, and will so supple his Weather-beaten Lipps, that his Whipp and his Whistle will hamer out such harmony as will make a Dogge daunce that delights it. But howsoever they be fed, the baser sorte of Men prove wealthie, and wade through the World with good countenance in their calling, least beholden generally to the monied Men of any other Shire whatsoever that I knowe.

Now touchinge the generall ease of the Countrie in regarde of Markett Townes and the apte Scituation of them I thincke it cannot be wished in better sorte then it is, so fittly marshialed and disposed as no Village, Parishe, or Place in the whole Shire is scarcely distant 4 Myles from some one Markett Towne, either in the same Shire, or the next adjoyninge, for the Shire at the broadest Place is not 16 Myles and the Markett Townes are so scattered heare and theare to the Number of 12, that fewe Places
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are above 3 Myles distant from some Markett Towne, which by Name are theise.

Markett Townes.	Northampton.	Athwell.
	Devonter.	Thrapston.
	Brackley.	Owndell.
	Towcester.	Peterboro Civit.
	Wellingboro.	Stamforde on the
	Higham-Ferrers.	South of the
	Ketteringe.	Bridge.

This Shire standeth environed with viij. other Shires, namely, *Rutlandshire* on the North, *Lyncolneshire* on the North, North-East. *Huntingdonshire* East, North-East. *Bedfordshire* East, South-East. *Buckinghamshire* South. *Oxfordshire* South, South-West, *Warwickeshire* West. *Leicestershire* North-West. It is devided into 20 Hundreds namely.

The Hundred of *Nassaborrowgh* which lyeth about *Peterborrowgh*, and it containeth 33 Parishes, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

The Hundred of *Navesford*, which lyeth about *Tychmarshe* on the East syde of the River, and containeth 9 Parishes, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Polbroke Hundred lyeth aboute *Winwicke*, and containeth 14 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Huckslowe Hundred lyeth about *Oldwin-
cle*, and containeth 21 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Sutton Hundred lyeth about *Brackley*, and containeth 30 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Norton Hundred lyeth aboute *Maydforde* and containeth 18 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Towcester Hundred lyeth aboute *Towcester* and containeth 8 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Warden Hundred lyeth aboute *Chippen-
warden* and containeth 13 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Hanfordhoo Hundred lyeth aboute *Wel-
lingborowgh*, and containeth 8 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Newbottle Hundred lyeth aboute *Holden-
by*, and containeth 23 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

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Rothwell Hundred lyeth about *Rothwell*, and containeth 24 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Gylesborough Hundred lyeth from *Goldesborough* to *Lilborne*, and containeth 18 Parishes, Villages, Rapes, Hamletts, and Wapentakes.

Ffalswesley Hundred lyeth aboute *Ffalswesley*, and containeth 28 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Corby Hundred lyeth aboute *Bletherwicke*, and containeth 31 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes and Wapentakes.

Willowbrooke Hundred lyeth aboute *Collewiston*, and containeth 14 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Orlingbury Hundred lyeth aboute *Orlingburye*, and containeth 17 Parishes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Higham-Ferrers Hundred lyeth aboute *Higham-Ferrers*, and containeth 14 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Spellowe Hundred lyeth aboute *Northampton*, and containeth 11 Parishes, Villages, Hamletts, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Wymerſley Hundred lyeth aboute *Harringſton*, and containeth 14 Pariſhes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Cleyley Hundred lyeth aboute *Paſſenham*, and containeth 18 Pariſhes, Hamletts, Villages, Rapes, and Wapentakes.

Now it is neceſſary ſomethinge to conſyder of this Worde Hundred, whence it is derived, and why it is ſo called. It is called in *Latin Centuria*, of the Number of an Hundred, which of the *Saxons* was called *hundpeð*. King *Alured*, when he concluded a Peace with *Guthrune* a Dane, he ſeeminge to followe the Councell which *Jethro* gave to *Moyſes*, for the more eaſye Government of the People of *Iſrael*, to devyde his Companie into manie Regiments. So did he devyde *England* into *quafdam Satrapias* into certaine Provinces, which we call a Shire of the *Saxon* Worde *ſcýpe* cominge of the Word *ſcýpan*, which, ſignifieth to devyde. And thearefore the Shire beinge devyded into *Centurias*, or after the *Saxons* *hundpeð* as alſo into *Decurias* Companies, often Men and the cheife of them was amongſte the *Romanes* *Decurio*.
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And the *Saxons* called such a Company of 10 Men *teopung* or *tienmantale*. And he that is now called in *Northamptonshire* a *Therdbarow*, was of the *Saxons* called *teopungmon* called in the *West* Partes at this Daye a *Tythingman*. And the Place wheare he ruleth is called a *Tythinge*, in tyme past consistinge of 10 *Howsholders*, but nowe more or lesse, and every 10 *Tythings* made an *hundreð* whereas nowe tyme hath altred it. But I thincke the Worde *Therdbarowe* among the *Northamptonshire* Men groweth of the *Saxon* *freobopheoðeð* which signifieth a cheefe Pledge or Surety, one that standeth to answer for all such as are within his *Tythinge* or *Barowe*. And in tyme past theise petite and subofficers ended divers and sundrie inferriour Offences comytted within his chardge, beinge lefte as a Pledge insteede of the *Centurio*, or Overseer of the *Hundred* to redresse the lesser, and to enforme of the greater Offences. And in theise Daies the Governours of *Hundreds* are called *Constables*, of the Worde *Constabilire*, to make sure and Stable, whether in preservation

vation of the Peace, endinge and determininge of Quarrells, or to stoppe effectually whatsoever seemeth to tend to the prejudice of the Comon-wealth of his hundreð.

Rivers.

This Shire is very well stored with faire Rivers, Brookes, and Springs, a most profitable and pleasant Ornament, and wished Neighbours to all Inhabitants, amonge which theare are iiij principall and cheefe Rivers, the first is diverslye Named, which passeth through the whole Shire from *Darvont* in the *West* and *South*, to *Peterborough* in the *North East*, and this River is of Mr. *Cambden* called *Avon*, but of *Pollydore Virgyll*, *Nyne*, and of the Countrymen *Nen*. It riseth in 6 or 7 Heads neare unto *Darvont*, and at *Flowre* taketh in another braunche which riseth nere *Anderbury-Hill*; and so continually meetinge with other Rivers it becometh a greate River.

Avon.

Nyne.

Nen.

Anderbury.
Hill.

Theare

Theare is another River which is called *Weland*, which taketh ^{Weland.} Name of the Parishe of *Weland* in *Leicestershire*, nere which it riseth, and this River devydeth *Northamptonshire* from *Leicestershire* and *Rutlandshire*, as also from *Lyncolneshire*.

The third River is *Charwell*, ^{Charwell.} which devydeth *Northamptonshire*, and *Oxfordshire*, and it taketh Name of *Charwelton*, wheare it riseth.

The 4 mayne River is *Ouse*, ^{Ouse.} which runneth by *Brackley*, and so environeth a Parte of *Northamptonshire* at *Stoni-Stratford* and then runeth through *Buckinghamshire*, *Bedfordshire*, and so into the Isle of *Elye*.

To speake now somethinge of the Places of *Woode* within this ^{Woodes.} Shire,

Shire, which indeed by the scarcetie thereof seemeth most of all to blemishe the Shire, yet many Places are well stored, as aboute *Rockingham*, almost as far as *Oundell*, and reasonably about *Peterborough*, and heare and theare through the whole Country, but especially about *Grafton*, *Whittlewoode*, and *Saucye* Forests.

Nowe for Meadows and deepe feedings, they are every wheare so disperst as they seeme to rejoyce the poore Countrieman, nay every Travaylor may rejoyce to see the Feelds on the Hills above, and the Vallies below, with such comly Garments of Corne and Grasse every wheare as *David* sayth, to rejoyce and singe in regarde of the plentie it Yearly yeeldeth.

Syth then that *Northamptonshire* yeeldeth such varietie from our God, who will not give praise unto our God, that he may give yet more encrease an Hundred Folde? He is able and willinge, oh that we would endeavour, and he would blesse our labours, our Stocke and Store, and would not suffer any
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leadinge into Captivitye, nor any complayninge in *Northamptonshire*.

The cheife Towne in this Shire is *Northampton*, *Northanton*, or *Norþarendon*, by which Titles it hath bene heartofore knowne, but now only knowne by the Name of *Northampton*, whence it taketh its Name is sufficiently set downe in the discourse of the Shire. *Polidore Virgill* fol 37. affirmeth, that *Northampton* was a Cytie, and called *Trinobantum Urbem*, the Cytie of *Trinobant*, but *Urbs* signifieth not only a Cittie, but also a walled Towne, and although it be noe Cittie it is a walled Towne. And as the said *Polidore* sayeth, the Countrie People by corruption of Speache, instead of *Trinobante*, called it *Tranton*. But I am perswaded, that they that so tooke that, weare greatly deceived, for *Trinobantes* (as *Ptolomey* the *Egyptian* sayeth, with whome agree in that pointe all latter Winters (are the *Essex* and *Mydlessex* Men. At this Towne of *Northampton* have bene many memorable Things don, which to declare with brevytie I hope shall not seeme superfluous unto your Honor.

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Theare

Theare is a very auncient and memorable Monument within $\frac{1}{2}$ a Myle of the Towne made in forme of *Charinge-Crosse*, but not so high, whearof some have dreamed, that it should be theare erected to demonstrate the Center of *England*; but I doe not perswade my self that it was the cause of the errection thearof, for that indeed it is not the middle of the Land, it standeth too far towards the *South* and *East*, yet might it carry some kynde of culler if *England* passed not beyond *Humber Northward* as did *Loegrea*. But it appeare by auntient Cronicles that the same Monument with others in divers Places in the Highwaye thence to *London* were erected by *Edward* the I. in the 19 Yeare of his Raigne, and in the Yeare of Christ 1290. in memoryall of *Elioner* his Queene, who died at *Hardly* neare *Lyncolne*, from whence she was brought to *Northampton*, and theare rested, in remembrance whearof he caused this Monument to be erected in that Place from the ice the Corpes of the Queene weare carried to *Westminster* and theare interred.

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This Towne is a fayre Towne with many fayre old Buildings lardge Streets and a very ample and fayre Markett Place. It is walled aboute with a Wall of Stone but meane of strength, neare unto the Towne theare standeth an auncient Castle Ruynous. *Mathew Parys* reportethe that Queene *Elionor* Mother to Kinge *John*, being ayded by *Huberte* Arch-Bishope of *Canterbury* and the Nobles of the Realme, called a meetinge of all Estates of the Land, and theare raised them to take Oth of obedience unto Kinge *John* her Sonne after the Deathe of Kinge *Richard* the first, in the Yeare of Christe 1199. but to form a clearer Idea, see the representation of this Towne, hereunto annexed.

Kinge *Henry* 3. (as reporteth *Polidore Virgill*) for certaine Riotuous Actions committed by some of his Barons came to *Northampton* accompanied with his Lords, Nobles, and Marshall Men and undermined the Wall, made a Breach and entered the Towne and slew divers Men, that had assisted his Rebellious Barons, he tooke Prisoners 15 Barons and 60 Knights (as reporteth *Mathew of Westminster*) besyds
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many others of Accompt *Anno Christi* 1264. but other Writers differ from him about the Number.

Theare is neare this Towne in the *South-syde* thearof called the new Feilde, betweene *Hardingston* and a Place called *Samdisford*, a shoue of a Forte or Trenche cast up with Diches by *Henrie* the 6. when he came to *Northampton* in the Yeare of Christ 1466. againste the Earle of *Marche* and other Rebels, betweene whome was fought a most cruell Battle, wheare the Kinge was discomfited and 10000. of his Men slaine and drowned in the River *Nen*, or as some call it, *Avon*.

In the tyme of Kinge *Henrie* the 2 was a Parliament holden at this Towne, to which came the Kinge of *Scottes* to conclude a Peace betweene him and the Kinge of *England* so *Fabian* 321.

Also theare was a Battle fought neare *Northampton* betweene the Earle of *Pembrooke* and the *Yorkeeshire* Men in the tyme of *Edw.* IV. wheere the Earle was discomfited. *Pol. Virgill*.

The Schollers of *Cambridge* in the tyme of *Hen.* III. came to *Northampton*, entendinge theare

theare to buyld an Univerſitie by conſent of the Kinge, but they ſoon retourned to *Cambridge*.

Wellingborow called of ſome *Wedlingborow*, of others, *Wenlingborowe* ſtandeth neare the River *Nen* or *Avon*, and is now called *Wellingborowe-Forum* of the Markett theare, as in the Countrie of *Dorſett* theare is *Blandford-Forum*. It may be thought that the Name of that ſhould be *Wellingborowe* ſo given in regarde of the Springs that riſein many Places in, and neare the Towne. It is ſaid, that ſome Part thearof ſometimes belonged to the Duchy of *Lancaſter*. But now the whole Towne, as I am enformed, belongeth unto your Honor.

Three Myles from *Wellingborowe* is *Wal-laſton*, a Pariſhe and Mannor ſometime belonginge to the Dukedome of *Lancaſter*, now unto her Maieſtie.

Neare thearunto is *Archeſter*, a Pariſhe alſo belonginge unto the ſame Duchye in tyme paſt, but nowe likewise unto Her Maieſtie, it is by corruption of Speache called *Archeſter*, but in Records it is called *Ircheſter* and *Ironcheſter*,

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In a Myle thearof is *Rusheen*, parcell also of the saide Duchye, whearin theare hath bine a very auntient House of the Duke of *Lancasters*, but greatly decayed, whearin yet dwelleth one Mr. *Pemberton* a Gentleman interested thearin by her Majestie.

Castle-Ashbye, the Land and the Seate of the Lord *Compton*. It taketh Name of a Castle sometyme theare erected wheare nowe standeth a very fayre House mounted on the browe of a Hill havinge a very goodly perspective farr over the Countrey, it standeth very conveniently in regarde of the Chace which lyeth nere it, called *Tardley* Chace, belonginge to the said Lord.

Torcester, of some *To-vecester*, and commonly *Towcester*, called sometime *Tripontium* standeth upon a little River, called *Wedon* River. It was called *Tripontium* the Towne of three Bridges, *De tribus Pontibus*, of the three Bridges, which yet seemeth but as one. It is most truely called *Torcester* of the Towne or Steeple, which is as much as to saye *Tapea* and the *Saxon* Worde *Cæster* which signifieth a Towne, so that *Torcester* or *Taycester* signifieth a
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Towne adorned or beautified with a Towre or Steeple. There is a Towre in *Somersetshire* standinge upon a very steepe Hill neere *Glastonbury* which is called the *Tor* or *Tayre* of *Glastonbury* and this Worde argueth greate antiquitie. This Towne was so strongly munit aboute the Yeare of Christe 917. as reporteth Mr. *Cambden*, that the *Danes* could not vanquish it. And *Edward* the first reedified the same Towne when it was very ruynous, and he raised a Stone Wall about yt, which since hath beene utterlye raised, and little shewe theareof appeareth at this Daye more then a little Hill nere the Towne called *Buryhill* which seemeth more like a Place of buryall then of defence.

Darventer or *Darventry* a pretie Towne in the *Weste* parte of the Shire, and at and nere the same Towne riseth fundrie Heades and Springs of the River *Nen* as nowe it is called, in tyme paste called *Avon*, and the Towne seemeth to take Name of the River *Avon* and is called *Darvonter quasi Terra de Avon*. The land, wheare the River riseth, for *Avon* is a generall Name of a River, in the *Brittische* Tongue. Neare unto this Towne is an
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olde and very lardge Forte or Trenches caste upp in the tyme of the *Danes*, and of them called *Danetre*, but how true it is I knowe not, but I rather take it of *Avon*, then of the *Danes*. The Trench before spoken of is scituate upon a very steepe Hill, havinge but one convenient Waye to ascend into yt, and the Forte is very lardge, litle wantinge of 100 Acres of Grounde, and that very good and the pasture very profitable for Sheepe, and greatly steedeth the Townesmen, who enjoye it at her Majesties Hands. The Towne is her Majesties, beinge sometime parcell of the Duchy of *Lancaster*. There was sometime a fayre Monasterye suppressed by Cardinall *Wulsey*. It is greatly defaced, yet so much standeth as giveth Entertainment unto a Gentleman of some Accompt named, as I take it, Mr. *Roper*.

Brackley is a Markett Towne standing betweene two Springs, at the head of the River *Ouse*. This Towne sometime belonged unto the *Hollands*, afterwards to the *Lovells*, and now unto the *Stanleys*, as sayeth Mr. *Camden*.

stately Monument, a very beautiful Building erected with such uniformitie, and so answerablye contrived as for the quantitie and qualitie is not to be mached in this Lande. In the Hall of the same House there are raised three Peramides very high standinge insteade of a Shryne, the midst whearof ascendeth unto the Roofe of the Hawll, the other two equall with the syde Walls of the same Hawll, and on them are depainted the Armes of all the Gentlemen of the same Shire, and of all the Noblemen of this Lande. The Scituation of the same Howse is very pleasantlie contrived, mountinge on an Hill environed with most ample and lardge Fields and goodly Pastures, manie yonge Groves newly planted, both pleasant and profitable, Fishe Ponds well replenished a Parke adjoyninge of Fallowe Deare with a large Warren of Conyes, not farr from the House, lyinge between *East Haddon* and *Long-Bugbye*. Aboute the House are greate store of Hares. And above the rest is especially to be noated, with what industrye and toyle of Man, the Garden hath bene raised, levelled, and

and formed out of a most craggye and unfitable Grounde now framed a most pleafante, sweete, and princely Place with divers Walks, manie ascendings and descendings replenished also with manie delightfull Trees of Fruite, artificially composed Arbors, and a Destilling Houfe on the *West* end of the same Garden, over which is a Ponde of Water brought by Conduite Pypes, out of the Feyld adjoyninge on the *West* $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Myle from the same Houfe. To conclude, the State of the same Houfe is fuch, and fo beautifull, that it may well delight a Prince.

HIGHAM-FERRERS is an old auncient Towne belonging to the Fferrers, but since to the Duke of Lancaster, and now unto her Majestie, as parcell of the same Dutchye: It standeth on an Hill aboute $\frac{1}{2}$ a Myle from the River Nen or Nyne on the South East of the same River. There was sometyme a very lardge Castle belonged to the same Duke, and his Mansion Howse borderinge upon the Church Yard of the same Towne. But it is now altogether
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GRASTON called the Honor of *Grafton*, but indeed it is by Statute made a Member of the Honour of *Amptbill*. It was given by *Edward* the I. to the Abby of *Westmonastery* at the buryall of his Wife *Elianor*, who was there buried. It is a very stately House standinge on an Hill, your Honor hath the disposition thearof, together with the Chace adjoyninge, &c.

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PETERBOROW sometyne called MAYDHAMPSTEED, standeth on the North Easte Parte of the Shire, borderinge upon *Lyncolneshire*. Theare is an Abby or Monastery buylded by *Ethelwold* Bishoppe of *Winchester*, and he ordained Monckes theare of the Order of *St. Benediſt*, and dedicated the ſame to *St. Peter*, and thearof it taketh the Name *Peterborowgh*. This Towne was miſerably afflicted by Kinge *John* in his Tempeſtuous fury, whearin he burned and ſpoyled the Buyldings thearof together with the Monastery but ſee the Scituation of this City, heareunto annexed.

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The Towne of STAMFORD is in Parte, namely on the *Southe* of the Bridge, in *Northamptonshire*, neare which is BURLEIGH Howse, the House of the Right Honorable Lord *Burleigh*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*. The Howse I have not seene, but by reporte it is a fayre and stately Howse and very fyrtilly scituate.

Thus my Right Honorable good Lord havinge breefely runn over NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, which for wante of Tyme and fitt Opportunitye is not so thoroughly Performed, as I perhaps may hearafter doe, I beseeche you accepte hearof, untill better Oppertunetye be offered to Accomplishe the Rest.

F I N I S.



The County Infirmary at Northampton
was established September 20 1743 & opened
for the reception of patients March 29. 1744
The three first surgeons by D^r Richard —
Gray 1744 Mr. Thomas Holme 1745 and
Henry Laying 1746 were wanted for the
benefit of the charity Also one by D^r. Doddridge